

HILLINGTON HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome

We have had a very positive start to the term and all of the children have settled in well to school life. We had a great response to our invitation to the Open Doors event, where children could come back in to school and show their parent their classroom on Tuesday 13th September. Parents were able to see their child's learning targets and also meet the class teacher.

Looking forward

We are looking forward to a very busy year ahead, we have an annual calendar attached and will update this as we go through the year each term. We will continue to send information via Groupcall email. We are looking forward to new and exciting learning experiences, and we are currently organising educational trips for the coming year, so look out for further information to come for each class.



School Improvement Plan

Every school has a school improvement plan which they work on throughout the year. Our school improvement plan is based on our school attainment data and our themes this year are focussed on improving literacy (writing) using Literacy for All, more collaboration and introducing Chat that Counts (maths approaches) We will soon be consulting parents throughout the year and refreshing our Vision, Values and Aims. Currently we aspire to have:

Vision: A safe, happy environment in which everyone feels included, respected and motivated.

Aims: By providing quality learning experiences using the Experiences an Outcomes the children will;

Promote positive attitudes towards learning an behaviour

Further develop partnerships with parents and others

Encourage everyone to be the best they can be

Values: ACHIEVING NURTURING HEALTHY KIND



Last week, the whole school enjoyed a performance from Hopscotch Theatre 'Plop in the Ocean' exploring themes of how plastic gets into our oceans and what can be done about this.



iPads

P7 have been allocated their individual I-pads and once Connected Learning has finalised installation of a security firewall system P6 will also be given an individual I-pad to be used for learning in school.

Anti-bullying

All of the classes start each year with an Anti-Bullying topic based around the RESPECT ME Anti-Bullying policy to enable children to understand what bullying is and to report any bullying or any perceived bullying. more information can be found on our school website.

Music Instruction

P5-7 area learning to play the violin with Miss Smart the music instructor from Rosshall Academy and Miss Smart has described them all as superstars. What an excellent effort children!



RAG BAG

We had a RAG BAG collection in September and would like to thank parents for their donations. Donations of clean, unwanted clothes can be made throughout the year to our indoor Rag Bag box to raise money for the benefit of the children.

Easy Fundraising

We have a Hillington Primary easy fundraising account which means if you go through this website when you are doing any online shopping then the school earns a percentage of your spend at no extra cost to you! There are a wide range of retailers who participate in this, some offering 10% of purchases and we have raised £166 which will be used for children's events.

Lost property

We have a large amount of unclaimed lost property already. Please label every item of uniform and clothing, including jackets, hats, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc..

Gym Days

Gym days for classes have been shared on Groupcall. each class has at least 2 hours of physical exercise per week. Children can leave gym clothes hanging on their pegs and can be brought home for washing as required. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery, including earrings to gym and these should be removed for gym. Ideally children should get pierced in the summer holiday as to enable children to participate in gym.

Snacks and lunches

We request that children's snacks and lunches do not contain nuts, , such as, Kinder Bueno, as we have several children with allergies and in this way we can keep all the children as safe as possible.

Absence

If your child is absent it is important that parents contact the pupil absence line to let us know if your child is sick or has a dental appointment. <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence> or if parents are having difficulties with this please call the school office.

Upcoming events-see School Calendar 2022-2023

- * Parent Council meeting (AGM): Wednesday 28th September 5:15-6:15-all parents welcome
- * Halloween Disco: Thursday 27th October 3:45-4:45pm P1-4 and 5-6pm P5-7
- * Christmas Fair: Thursday 1st December 3-4pm, see attached request for hamper items

School Contact

We would like to respectfully request that all communication is done in an appropriate way. Unfortunately, very occasionally this is not the case. Staff are protected from abuse by Glasgow City Council policies which are in place. Face to face confrontations such as shouting or swearing are not acceptable. Emails to the school should be through Groupcall and should use appropriate language to communicate with members of staff.



We enjoyed the reading tasks for Glasgow Loves Reading Challenge.

School Digital Communication

We would like to request that all parents use all three of the digital platforms designed for parents in all Glasgow schools. We appreciate you are busy and day not have had time yet to use these however we would be grateful to have everyone on board. There are three systems which parents need to log-on to: Groupcall Expressions, Parent Pay and Parent Portal.

1. **GROUPCALL** - <http://expressions.Groupcall.com>
Download GROUPCALL Xpressions from the App Store or Google play and you can send and receive emails without cost and keep all school correspondence in one place. Parents should use GROUPCALL email to contact the school and the headteacher email can be used if parents are not able to use GROUPCALL.

2. **ParentPay**-www.parentpay.com Please log-on to ParentPay to select your child's meal choice. Teachers have been going in to the meal selection system each morning for parents and selecting the children's meal choice. Ideally parents should discuss and then select the child's meals choice at home for the whole week and this meal choice goes to the dinner staff to enable children to get their preferred meal. ParentPay is used for all payments so they are cash free (P7 residential trip, raffles, etc) Those parents who have not yet activated their account will receive another letter with their username and password and details of how to activate their account.

Parking

Please be considerate when parking outside the school.



Parents can contact the school using a note to the class teacher /phone call to the school office/ GROUPCALL email if you would like to discuss anything further with a member of staff. Class teachers will call parents back in the first instance, following this Miss Davidson (DHT P1-4) Mr Ramsay (DHT P5-7) and Miss Gillies (HT)

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3. Parent Portal - <https://parentsportal.scot>

Parent Portal has been introduced to all Glasgow schools and parents are requested to use this to make any updates to their child’s data, such as emergency contact details and new mobile numbers which can be used in the event of your child being ill or in an emergency. To support parents this year , we have sent out a printed paper copy of the Annual Data Check home, as over 200 parents have not made a Parent Portal account as yet. Unfortunately we will not be able to do this moving forward and parents need to use the on-line system which is in use in all Glasgow schools. It is essential that any changes in contact details, such as phone numbers or family contacts are changed right away by parents. please note that Parent Portal is different from Parent Pay despite the similarities in the name!

If you are finding any issues with activating any of the above platforms, please contact the school and we will be happy to assist you and re-issue log-ons you have misplaced. You will also find the help guides useful. After initial set-up all of these are very easy to use. Good luck,

Our Curriculum Rationale

